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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
Village of Aleknagik, Alaska 99555

PREAMBLE

We, a group of members of the Traditional Council and all members of the village enrolled in the Traditional Council of Aleknagik, Alaska having a common bond being at least one-quarter (1/4) or more Eskimo, Aleut, or Indian, do hereby in order to promote our welfare through the development of governmental and economic enterprise establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be **Aleknagik Traditional.**

ARTICLE II - DESTINATION OF TERRITORY

The boundaries of the Aleknagik Traditional territories shall be the same as the Aleknagik Natives Limited.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons whose names shall appear on the Census Base Roll (being one-quarter (1/4) or more, Eskimo, Aleut, or Indian) of this village enrolled in Aleknagik Traditional Council shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. **New Members.**

(a) Children. All children of any member who is enrolled in Aleknagik Traditional shall be eligible for membership.

(b) New Resident. Any person who becomes a resident, (being one-quarter (1/4) or more Eskimo, Aleut, or Indian) of Aleknagik Traditional may be adopted by the council by a majority vote in a regularly called meeting.

Section 3. **Definition of Member.** Any person that is one-quarter (1/4) or more Eskimo, Aleut, or Indian.

Section 4. **Definition of Adult.** Any person who is 18 years of age or older will be considered an adult.

ARTICLE IV – THE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be a Traditional Council (Aleknagik Traditional) of seven (7) members elected by the adult members of the community.

Section 2. The Council (Aleknagik Traditional) shall represent the Community in all its undertakings and shall exercise the powers of the community enumerated in this Constitution.

Section 3. Each member of the Council shall serve for a term of:

Seat A. Three Year Term
Seat B. Three Year Term
Seat C. Two Year Term
Seat D. Two Year Term
Seat E. Two Year Term
Seat F. One Year Term
Seat G. One Year Term

A. The Aleknagik Traditional Council shall hold the public annual election.
B. The Candidates shall be elected from the floor.
C. The people who get the highest votes shall fill the vacant council seats.
D. The Council Members as an option can be given an attendance fee for each regularly scheduled meeting upon attendance.

ARTICLE V – THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1. To do all things for the common good for all members.

Section 2. To deal with the Federal and State Government and its agencies on behalf of the community; to deal with any person, firm, Corporation or Municipality on behalf of the community.

Section 3. To provide for filling vacancies in office in the event of death, resignation, removal, forfeiture, or recall consistent with this Constitution.

Section 4. To levy dues, fees, and assessments for the community and to provide for their collection and enforcement through its ordinances, for the good of the community. To such assessments shall be laid except by resolution of the Council at any regularly called meeting.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by a resolution of the Council or of the community, which shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of the adult members, provided that at least 25 per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such an election or by absentee ballot on request.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

The Constitution and Bylaws shall continue in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this Community, provided that at least seventy-five (75) per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election or by absentee ballot on request.

BYLAWS OF ALEKNAGIK

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I - THE PRESIDENT. The President of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council of the Community, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and any others delegated to him. He may vote in council meetings only in case of a tie. The President is charged with general responsibilities for the administration of the community and ordinances and resolutions.

SECTION II – THE VICE-PRESIDENT. The duties of the Vice-President, in the absence of the President will be the same as those of a President.

SECTION III – THE SECRETARY. The Secretary of the Council shall act as a chairman in the event the President or the Vice-President is absent from the village. He shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all business transactions of the Community or of the Council. He shall record all rules and regulations and ordinances in appropriate books for the information in guidance of the community members. The Secretary may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

SECTION IV – THE TREASURER. The Treasurer shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible. He shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody. He shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible except upon authorization of the Council. The Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

SECTION V – APPOINTIVE OFFICERS. The duties of all appointed officers, agents, or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer then the elective officers.

SECTION VI – THE RECORDS. All accounts, records, books and minutes of the Community or Council meetings shall be subject to examination by tribal members of the community or council, or the agents of the Federal and State Government having authorized business in the village.

ARTICLE II – QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION I — No person may be a candidate for any elective office unless he or she has the qualification of a voter.

SECTION II — No person who has been convicted of a felony may be a candidate for any elective office.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION I — The Council shall meet on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, and at such times as may be voted by the majority of the Council.

SECTION II — The President may call such other special meetings as he may deem necessary by giving two (2) days notice to the members of the Council.

SECTION III — The Quorum. Four (4) Council members shall constitute a quorum for a council meeting. One Fourth (1/4) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION IV — Careful and accurate record in the form of minutes shall be kept of all regular and special meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

ARTICLE IV – RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

SECTION I — All members 18 years of age or older shall have the right to vote in all said meetings and election.

SECTION II — Members shall have the right to speak and meet freely in a peaceable way.

SECTION III — Members shall have the equal chance to share in the benefits of Aleknagik Traditional.

ARTICLE V – RULE OF MAKING POWER

The Council shall have power to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the Constitutions and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – ADOPTION

This Constitution and Bylaws shall be in effect when it is agreed to by a majority vote of members; provided that at least (25) per cent of the voting membership take part. The persons entitled to vote are all the adult members enrolled in Aleknagik Traditional of Aleknagik, Alaska.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

We, the undersigned members of the Council having been chosen by the members of this Community certify that we were present for the purpose of adopting of this Constitution and Bylaws was duly adopted by tabulation of voting members for and against, where at least (25) per cent of those entitles to vote cast their ballots.

Miriam Olson, President

Gusty Chythlook Sr., Vice-President

Jane Etuckmelra, Secretary

Thomas Tinker Sr., Treasurer

Esther Ilutsik, Member

Richard Andrew, Member

APPROVED ON: MARCH 27, 1993

Vivian M. Shade Administrator